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FOR : A/SY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARMORING PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE

REFS: SD 2647, JUNE 26, 1973 AND STATE 127530, JUNE 29, 1973
(BOTH EXDIS); TOLSON-VARROS TELCON OF OCT 23, 1973.

1. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT IN 1973 THE USG BORE THE COST OF MATERIALS AND PROVIDED INSTALLATION TO ARMOR TWO OFFICIAL VEHICLES USED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. A SUBSEQUENT REQUEST BY THE GODR TO ARMOR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES COULD NOT BE AGREED TO BECAUSE OF THE NON-AVAILABILITY OF US SEABEES (REF TELCON). HOWEVER, SY DID ADVISE AND ASSIST THE DOMINICAN EMBASSY IN PURCHASING ADDITIONAL ARMORING MATERIAL. THIS MATERIAL IS ON HAND HERE, BUT THE GODR CONSIDERS THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PERFORM THE INSTALLATION.

2. THE EMBASSY'S ARMY ATTACHE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENT'S MILITARY AIDES THAT ONE OF THE TWO VEHICLES ORIGINALLY ARMORED BY USG TECHNICIANS IS NOW MECHANICALLY INOPERABLE. THIS OFFICIAL HAS REQUESTED THAT THE USG PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN INSTALLING THE MATERIALS WHICH THE GODR HAS ON HAND HERE IN A THIRD PRESIDENTIAL VEHICLE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF A USG TECHNICIAN CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO PERFORM THIS INSTALLATION AND, IF
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SO, PROVIDE THE ESTIMATED TRAVEL AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WHICH

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THE GODR WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REIMBURSE. UPON RECEIPT
OF THIS INFORMATION, EMBASSY WILL CONSULT WITH CHIEF OF
MILITARY AIDES TO VERIFY IF GODR DESIRES TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE
ON THIS BASIS. DETAILS REGARDING VEHICLE TO BE ARMORED WILL
BE FURNISHED IF GODR WISHES TO GO AHEAD.
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